

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2003. Claims 1-28 are pending in the present application. Applicant respectfully requests consideration and passage to issue of the claims as now presented.

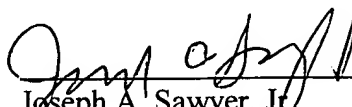
Firstly, with regard to Presnell, the arguments made with regard to the Presnell reference in the Amendment dated October 10, 2002, are reiterated herein and are incorporated by reference in their entirety.

As to Petras, Applicant respectfully submits that the priority date of the present application predates the priority date of Petras. As is seen by the attached Filing Receipt, the priority date of the present application is October 8, 1999. The priority date of Petras, on the other hand, is at least February 10, 2000. Therefore, Petras is not a prior art reference to the present application.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-28 are allowable in view of the cited reference.

Applicants' attorney believes this application in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,


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